Payment of employees in foreign countries

†2914. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain multinational companies are making payment of pay and allowances of their employees working in India in foreign countries without getting permission from the Reserve Bank of India;

(b) if so, the multinational companies against whom action has been taken for the violation of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA); and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the violation of FERA by these multinational companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) The Directorate of Enforcement has issued notices to 18 multinational companies who were found to have contravened the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 with regard to payment of salaries/perquisites, in foreign currency, to their employees, who were resident in India. The names of such multinational companies are given in the enclosed statement (Seebelow). Adjudication proceedings in respect of the Show Cause Notices against these Companies have been initiated in terms of the provisions of FERA.

Statement

Names of Multi-national companies to whom Show Cause Notice(s) were issued under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Reputation Act, 1973

S.No.	Name of the Multi-national Comapany
1.	M/s Japan Airlines, New Delhi.
2.	M/s Hyundai Motor(l) Ltd., New Delhi.
3.	M/s Samsung Corporation, New Delhi.
4.	M/s Merubeni (I) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
5.	M/s Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi Ltd., New Delhi.
6.	M/s Motorola (I) Ltd., Gurgaon.

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S.No.	Name of the Multi-national Comapany
7.	M/s Mitsubishi Corporation, New Delhi.
8.	M/s Sanwa Bank Ltd., (UFJ Bank Ltd.), New Delhi.
9.	M/s Bank of Nova Scotia, New Delhi.
10.	M/s LG Electronics, New Delhi.
11.	M/s Sony (I) Ltd., New Delhi.
12.	M/s Deutsche Bank, New Delhi.
13.	M/s Sakura Bank, New Delhi.
14.	M/s All Nippon Airways, New Delhi.
15.	M/s Nokia Telecommunications, New Delhi.
16.	M/s Ericsson (I) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
17.	M/s Daewoo Motors, New Delhi.
18.	M/s Fuji Bank Ltd., New Delhi.

Computerisation of revenue records

†2915. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time-frame had been fixed for computerisation of revenue records in the country;

(b) if so, what was the target and the progress made in this regard till June, 2003;

(c) whether it is a fact that some hurdles have been faced in achieving the target and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken to remove them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (d) Computerisation of Income Tax Department has been undertaken in a time bound manner. In the first two phases, Income Tax Offices in 60 major cities have been brought on network. There is a proposal to bring offices in the remaining

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